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SUBJECT: EX-SAHARA: MALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER VISITS MAURITANIA

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1. MALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER AND INTERIOR MINISTER
DOUKARA ARRIVED IN NOUAKCHOTT 17 JANUARY AND WAS GREETED
AT AIRPORT BY GIRM MINSTER STATE OF INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY
SALAH, ENTOURAGE OF ROUGHLY 30 LESSER RANKING MAURITANIANS, AND MILITARY HONOR GUARD. MALIAN DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED DEPUTY OF GENDARMERIE NATIONALE, DEPUOM DIRECTOR OF
SURETE NATIONALE, AND CHEF DU CABINET OF INTERIOR
MINISTRY. DOUKARA MET WITH PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH
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SHORTLY AFER ARRIVING, AND REMAINDER OF DAY WAS SPENT WITH GIRM MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR, AND WITH MILITARY OFFICERS AT ETAT MAJOR. MALIAN DELEGATION VISITED SOUTHERN MAURITANIAN TOWNS OF KAEDI AND KIFFA PRIOR TO RETURNING TO BAMAKO FROM KAEDI, VIA DAKAR, ON 20 JANUARY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HEARD OF NO POLISARIO INCURSIONS IN SOUTH-EASTERN MAURITANIA SINCE 16 NOVEMBER ATTACK ON NEMA (16 37N 07 15W) (REPORTED REFTEL) OR ANY OTHER SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THIS FRONTIER AREA, DOUKARA IS ALMOST ASSUREDLY IN MAURITANIA TO DISCUSS SECURITY SITUATION ALONG MAURITANIAN/MALIAN BORDER. RED CARPET TREATMENT BEING AFFORDED DOUKARA BY MAURITANIANS IS INDICATIVE OF SERIOUSNESS GIRM ATTACHES TO MALIAN SUPPORT IN SAHARA CONFLICT. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE MALIANS HAVE GRANTED MAURITANIANS RIGHT OF "HOT PURSUIT" ACROSS MALIAN BORDER IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO CURTAIL POLISARIO ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA, BUT MAURITANIANS WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY MEASURES MALIAN SECURITY FORCES MIGHT TAKE TO LIMIT POLISARIO ACTIVITY ALONG ILL-DEFENDED, UNGUARDED MAURITANIAN/ MALIAN BORDER.

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